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1. IN GENERAL MISSION HAS NO OBJECTION TO SUBJECT PROPOSAL, BUT FEELS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS SHOULD BEAR ON PKHS' ULTIMATE DECISION AND POSSIBLY ON DESIGN OF SUBSEQUENT RESEARCH:

A. HARRIS CURRENTLY HAS INDONESIAN MIGRATION DATA AS RESULT OF HIS CONSULTANCY TO AN INDONESIAN MIGRATION STUDY FUNDED BY AID (DISCUSSED ON PG. 29 OF SUBJECT PROPOSAL). AS OF THIS TIME THAT DATA IS STILL PROPRIETARY AND IS MEANT TO BE USED FOR PRODUCING FINAL REPORT OF AID-SUPPORTED MIGRATION STUDY. HARRIS WAS TO USE THAT DATA FOR WRITING A PORTION OF FINAL REPORT AS AGREED BETWEEN HIM AND INDONESIAN PROJECT DIRECTOR. ALTHOUGH PG. 35 OF SUBJECT PROPOSAL DISCUSSES "COMPLETION OF FINAL REPORT." EXTENSIVENESS OF HIS ANALYSIS (BOOK-LENGTH), AND TIME DETAILED FOR DOING IT, ARE CLEARLY BEYOND REQUIREMENTS FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN INDONESIAN MIGRATION STUDY, AND REPRESENTS AN ADDITIONAL UNDERTAKING BY HIM WITH STUDY'S PRIMARY DATA. THIS MORE IN-DEPTH USE AND ANALYSIS OF MIGRATION STUDY DATA COULD VERY POSSIBLY BE A WORTHWHILE UNDERTAKING AND CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO UNDERSTANDING AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN INDONESIA'S DEVELOPMENT. BUT WE SUGGEST THAT IT BE DONE ONLY AFTER HARRIS AND INDONESIAN RESEARCHERS WORKING ON CURRENT MIGRATION STUDY HAVE APPROPRIATELY COORDINATED THEIR PLANNED ACTIVITIES. WE HAVE PASSED COPY OF HARRIS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPOSAL ON TO MIGRATION STUDY PROJECT DIRECTOR (DR. SAYUTI

HASIBUAN), AND WOULD ENCOURAGE HARRIS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM.

B. 1971 COMPUTERIZED CENSUS DATA MENTIONED IN PG. 39 OF PROPOSAL IS CURRENTLY BEING COMPLETELY RECOMPILED BY GOI FOR MORE EFFECTIVE ANALYSIS OF ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR MIGRATION. TAPES WHICH HARRIS HAS DO NOT CONTAIN THIS REFINEMENT OF ORIGINAL CENSUS DATA.

C. PLANNED AND ON GOING RESEARCH IN LABOR FORCE, POPULATION DISTRIBUTION, AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BY THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND OTHER GOI AGENCIES DUPLICATES SOME PURPOSES EXPRESSED IN HARRIS PROPOSAL; TO WHAT EXTENT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SAY, BUT AGAIN WE SUGGEST THAT COLLABORATION WITH INDONESIAN RESEARCHERS WOULD MINIMIZE DUPLICATION, AND HOPEFULLY HELP PRODUCE RESEARCH RESULTS MORE DIRECTLY APPLICABLE TO INDONESIA'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

D. HARRIS PLAN TO DEVELOP A MORE SOHPISTICATED SIMULATION-MODEL IN WHICH INTERNAL MIGRATION RELATIONSHIPS ARE MORE EXTENSIVELY DEFINED DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH ANY KNOWN ON GOING INDONESIAN RESEARCH.

E. WE NOTE RESEARCHER CHO IS BUDGETED FOR 100 PERCENT SALARY FROM PROPOSED RESEARCH FUNDS FOR YER III. ASSUMING HE IS STILL EMPLOYED BY EAST-WEST CENTER, OR OTHER EMPLOYER, AT THAT TIME, HE WOULD THEN BE RECEIVING TWO SALARIES. NEWSOM

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